

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application claims the priority benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-384956, filed December 18, 2001, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. This application is a continuation of applicant's application Serial No. 10/320,507, filed December 17, 2002. --